

ANNEX E
SEARCH AND RESCUE

I. Purpose

To locate and aid persons who are lost or trapped as a result of a disaster.

II. Responsibility

In the event of a disaster in the City of Ankeny, the following agencies have primary or supporting roles during search and rescue operations.

- The Ankeny Fire Department will coordinate all search and rescue operations involving:
 - Fires
 - Personal injury incidents or emergencies
 - Hazardous materials incidents
 - Natural disasters
- The Ankeny Police Department is responsible for searches involving:
 - Lost or missing persons
 - Public Safety Issues
- The City of Ankeny will assign personnel from other operational departments to assist with search and rescue operations.
- When a search extends beyond the capabilities of the coordinating agency, the Polk County Emergency Management Coordinator will be notified to coordinate additional requirements. Both the Ankeny Fire Department and the Ankeny Police Department will be able to request mutual aid resources from other public safety agencies through existing mutual aid agreements as deemed necessary. Additional resources may be available through private contractors, volunteer organizations, and state or federal agencies.

III. Operations

Depending on the type of disaster, the term “Fire Chief” or “Ankeny Fire Chief” can be replaced with “Ankeny Police Chief.”

- When the decision is made that Search & Rescue (S&R) must be implemented to look for victims and rescue victims that need assistance, the Ankeny Fire Department shall be responsible for implementing S&R

with the assistance of other public safety organizations and volunteers from the community.

- When a search and rescue is implemented, the Ankeny Fire Chief will be responsible for establishing search teams and assigning search areas.
- The Ankeny Fire Chief will provide detailed instructions and assign specific areas to search and rescue units.
- An on-site command post for the conduct of operations will be established and an on-site commander will be appointed by the Fire Chief.
- Additional on-site support shall be coordinated through the EOC by the on-site commander.
- Instructions shall be provided on how to mark areas that have been searched by the on-site commander.

IV. Authentication

Date

Fire Chief

Date

Chief of Police